

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A disk drive apparatus comprising:
 - a recording medium rotatably supported;
 - a rotation means for rotating said recording medium;
 - a supporting arm having at least a higher rigidity than a gimbal portion and having a head facing said recording medium at one end via said gimbal portion, said supporting arm being rotatable about a bearing section at the other end of the supporting arm in a direction perpendicular to a recording face of said recording medium;
 - a load-applying means for applying a load to said supporting arm in a direction for approaching said head to said recording medium;
 - a radial driving means for ~~one of~~ rotating or and linearly moving said supporting arm in a radial direction of said recording medium; and
 - a ramp for vertically moving said supporting arm between said bearing section and said head by the rotation or linear movement of while said supporting arm ~~one of rotates and linearly moves~~ in the radial direction of said recording medium.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim ~~one of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said ramp is means for keeping said head at a standby position apart from a surface of said recording medium when said recording medium stops rotating.
4. (Currently amended) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim ~~one of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said ramp is means for keeping said head at a standby position by making said head contact a surface of said disk when said recording medium stops rotating.

5. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein a slider is installed on said head, and said ramp removes a contact pressure occurred by said slider contacting a surface of said recording medium.

6. (Currently amended) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein said bearing section includes a pivot bearing having a pair of protrusions contacting said supporting arm, ~~and a point where said protrusions of the pivot bearing and said supporting arm contact is a center of gravity of said supporting arm.~~

7. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim 3, wherein said ramp is disposed at a position not interfering with said disk.

8. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein said ramp is disposed at a position not interfering with said disk.

9. (Currently amended) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein said ramp vertically moves said supporting arm contacting at a position outside of a lengthwise central axis of said supporting arm.

10. (Currently amended) The disk drive apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein a line passing a rotation center of said rotation means rotating said supporting arm in a radial direction of said recording medium and a line connecting a pair of protrusions of said ~~pair of protrusions of the pivot bearing in said bearing section cross.~~